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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC (U 933 E) for Authorization to Recover the Amounts Related to Vegetation Management Recorded in the Vegetation Management Memorandum Account.

Application 14-04-037
(Filed April 30, 2014)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to December 20, 2015.

Background

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) provides that rate setting cases shall be resolved within 18 months of the date that they are initiated unless the Commission makes findings as to why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline.

On April 30, 2014, California Pacific Electric Company, LLC (Liberty) filed Application 14-04-037 requesting authorization to recover \$2,090,370.86 in vegetation management costs that were recorded in the Vegetation Management Memorandum Account. On December 31, 2014, after the conclusion of hearings, the North Tahoe Citizen Action Alliance moved to suspend the procedural schedule, postpone briefing, and allow the submission of additional evidence on claims that Liberty submitted false evidence. As resolution of this issue required

a site visit, which could only be scheduled after the then inclement weather passed, the proceeding was substantially delayed. An extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to allow the Commission sufficient time to conduct its deliberations.

Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving quasi-legislative proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to this rule, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Michael Picker is the assigned Commissioner and Darwin E. Farrar is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The 18-month deadline for resolving this complaint case is October 30, 2015.
2. An extension of time until December 20, 2015, is necessary to allow circulation, review, and comment on the proposed decision.

Conclusions of Law

1. The statutory deadline imposed by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a) should be extended until December 20, 2015.
2. This order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the statutory deadline in these proceedings is extended until December 20, 2015.

This order is effective immediately.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.